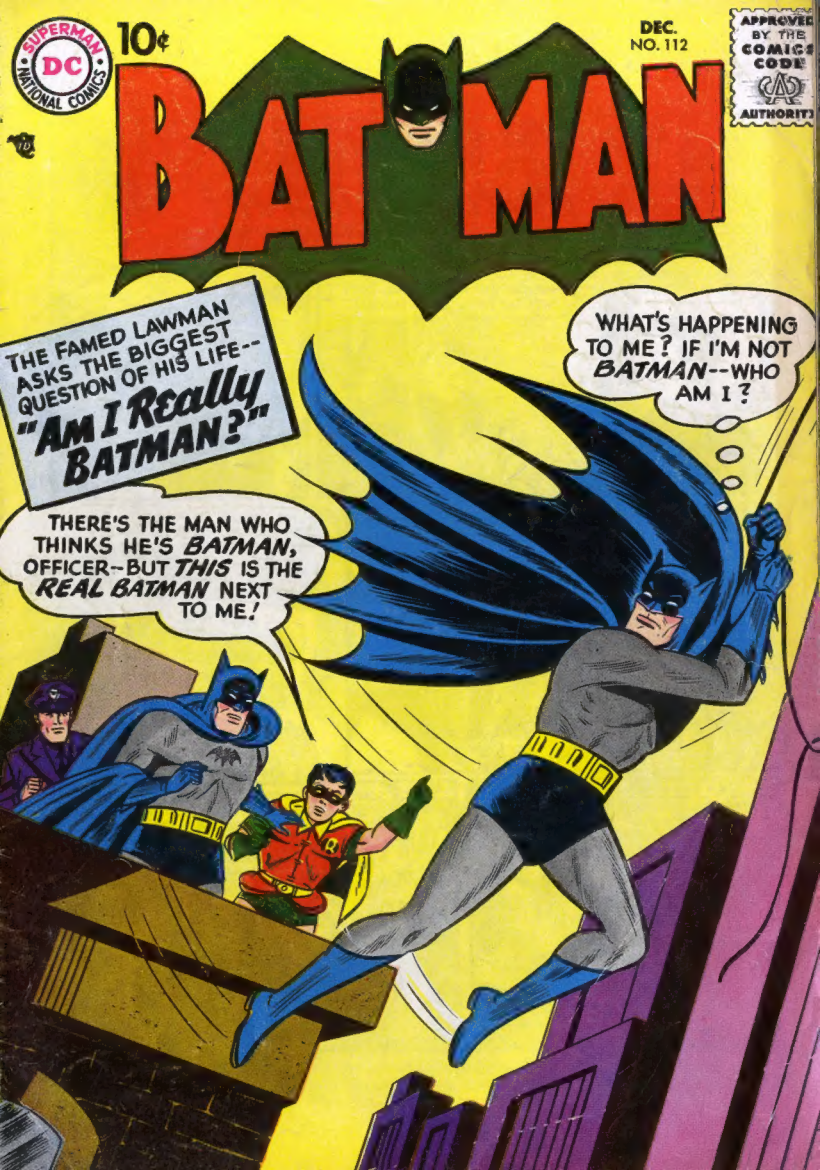
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THE FAMED LAWMAN ASKS THE BIGGEST QUESTION OF HIS LIFE--
"AM I Really BATMAN?"
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? IF I'M NOT BATMAN--WHO AM I?
THERE'S THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S BATMAN, OFFICER--BUT THIS IS THE REAL BATMAN NEXT TO ME!

The TRICK is to TREAT All The World's Children!

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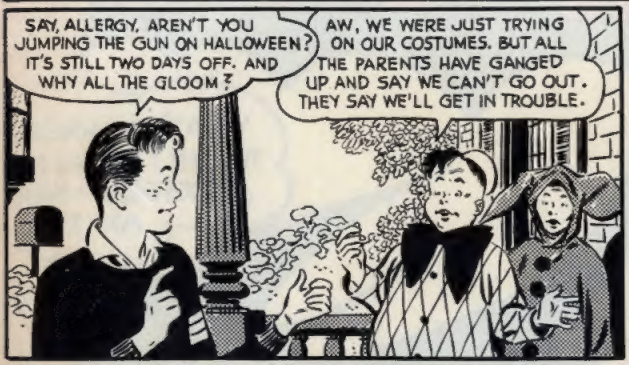
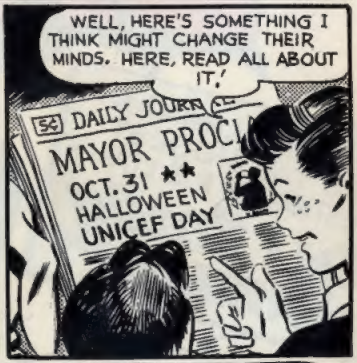

SAY, ALLERGY, AREN'T YOU JUMPING THE GUN ON HALLOWEEN? IT'S STILL TWO DAYS OFF. AND WHY ALL THE GLOOM?
AW, WE WERE JUST TRYING ON OUR COSTUMES. BUT ALL THE PARENTS HAVE GANGED UP AND SAY WE CAN'T GO OUT. THEY SAY WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE.


WELL, HERE'S SOMETHING I THINK MIGHT CHANGE THEIR MINDS. HERE, READ ALL ABOUT IT.
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UNICEF DAY

THAT NIGHT...
SEE, DAD THIS IS A GOOD THING. THE TRICK-OR-TREAT PENNIES, NICKELS AND DIMES WE COLLECT GO TO HELP SICK, HUNGRY KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD. AREN'T YOU GOING TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?
WELL, I MIGHT... WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, BINKY?

OH, MY CROWD'S HELPING WITH THIS, TOO-- MAKING POSTERS. HERE'S MY FIRST ONE.
WHAT YOUR TRICK OR TREAT MONEY WILL BUY
1¢ VACCINE TO PROTECT A CHILD AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS
5¢ PENICILLIN TO CURE A CHILD OF YAWS, A CRIPPLING TROPICAL DISEASE.
10¢ - 50 GLASSES OF MILK

LATER...
SOME PARTY THEY'RE GIVING US.
OUR KIDS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN
YOU DESERVE IT. YOU KIDS HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB TONIGHT FOR UNICEF--THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND!
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BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

IN THEIR TIME, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE FOUGHT AND CONQUERED MANY FORMIDABLE FOES--THE **JOKER**, THE **PENGUIN**, AMONG OTHERS. BUT NOW THEY ARE CHALLENGED BY A NEW THREAT, A BIZARRE BANDIT, WHO USES **SIGNS FOR CRIME!** HOW **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FARED IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST THIS UNIQUE CRIMINAL CAN BE SEEN IN THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF...

THE SIGNALMAN OF CRIME

BOB KANE

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, ONE DAY, PHIL COBB--A SMALL-TIME CROOK WITH BIG IDEAS--APPROACHES A SIGN THAT NOT ONLY POINTS THE WAY, BUT WILL INFLUENCE HIS CAREER...

THE BIG CITY AT LAST! HERE'S WHERE MY PLANS WILL PAY OFF AND MAKE ME A BIG SHOT!

GOTHAM CITY

BUT, LATER, WHEN COBB MAKES AN EFFORT TO FORM A GANG...

WHO ARE YOU? WE NEVER HEARD OF YOU-- PUNK! ON YOUR WAY!

GET YOURSELF A REP FIRST-- THEN WE'LL TALK BUSINESS!

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EMBITTERED BY HIS FAILURE, COBB STALKS THE STREET UNTIL ANOTHER SIGNAL -- IRONICALLY, THE **BATSIGNAL** -- INSPIRES HIM WITH AN IDEA...

A SIGNAL--THAT'S THE ANSWER! LIKE THE **JOKER** AND THE **PENGUIN**, I'LL MAKE A QUICK REPUTATION AS A CRIMINAL BECAUSE I'LL BE UNIQUE! BUT I'LL BE SMARTER THAN THEM-- **I** WON'T GET CAUGHT!

THUS, TWO NIGHTS LATER, AS WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, VIEW THE BEACON THAT SUMMONS THEM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

LET'S GO, DICK! WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE TO OUR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** COSTUMES!

SOON AFTER, IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON... **BATMAN** IS HANDED A NOTE THAT HAS COME FOR HIM...

THIS CAME FOR YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO--!

BATMAN - I'M CHALLENGING YOU TO A BATTLE OF WITS! SEE IF YOU CAN FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO MY ROBBERY TONIGHT-- AND STOP ME-- IF YOU CAN! The Signalman

ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE CHEAP HOODLUMS WHO THINKS HE CAN MAKE A REPUTATION FOR HIMSELF BY OUTSMARTING THE LAW! YOU'VE GOT TO **STOP HIM, BATMAN-- AND STOP HIM FAST!**

THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS TRY TO MAKE SENSE OF THE TWO ACCOMPANYING CLUES SENT BY THE **SIGNALMAN**...

A **BROOM**--WITH THE SIGN OF THE **ATOM!** WHAT DOES THE SIGN OF A BROOM MEAN? A CLEAN SWEEP OF CRIME?

"CLEAN SWEEP"! HMM-MM I WONDER...

LATER, A STRANGE FIGURE SECRETS HIMSELF IN THE SHADOWS OF THE BALCONY OF THE **HOBBY SHOW**...

WELL-- I MIGHT AS WELL GET STARTED! HA! HA! **BATMAN** WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE CLUES I SENT HIM!

A BROOM AND AN ATOMIC SIGN! READER, CAN **YOU** DECIPHER THOSE CLUES?

AND SO, A SIGN-- BECOMES THE SIGNAL FOR THE START OF THE SIGNALMAN'S CRIME CAREER...
IN CASE OF FIRE RING ALARM
AS THE PANICKY CROWD FLEES, A BIZARRE FIGURE SWINGS DOWN FROM THE BALCONY...
FIRE! FIRE!
HA, HA! A PERFECT DIVERSION!
CLANG!
CLANG
CLANG!
CLANG!
BUT AS HE EAGERLY GRASPS THE SHOW'S PRIZE EXHIBIT--A PURE JADE MODEL OF THE ATOMIC SUBMARINE, NAUTILUS...
ROBIN!?!
CAN'T YOU READ THE SIGN? IT SAYS, "DO NOT TOUCH"!
DO NOT TOUCH
SO, BATMAN-- YOU KNEW THAT A BROOM IS HOISTED ON A NEW SUBMARINE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST RUN-- A SIGNAL OF A "CLEAN SWEEP"! VERY SMART--BUT I'M SMARTER! HA! HA!
CAN'T REACH HIM...
EVEN AS THE SIGNALMAN REACHES THE OPPOSITE BALCONY, BATMAN MAKES A DARING LEAP...
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...AND REBOUNDS TO THE BALCONY!

BOOM!

HE MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH **THAT** EXIT!

BROOM CLOSET

EXIT

BUT UPON OPENING THE DOOR, **BATMAN** BURSTS INTO...

THE **BROOM CLOSET!** THE **SIGNALMAN SWITCHED SIGNS BEFORE**, TO GAIN TIME TO ESCAPE!

EXIT

THAT NIGHT, IN HIS FANTASTIC HIDE-OUT, THE **SIGNALMAN** GLOATS OVER THE NEWS HEADLINES...

I MADE THE FRONT PAGES! IN A FEW DAYS, I'LL HAVE SUCH A BIG REPUTATION, EVERY CROOK IN TOWN WILL BE BEGGING TO JOIN MY MOB!

SIGNALMAN ESCAPES BATMAN

STAR

NEW CRIMINAL CHALLENGES BATMAN

NEXT DAY, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** STUDIES ANOTHER SET OF SIGNS POINTING TO THE **SIGNALMAN'S** NEXT CRIME...

A **FIR TREE**-- AND TWO ASTRONOMICAL SIGNS!

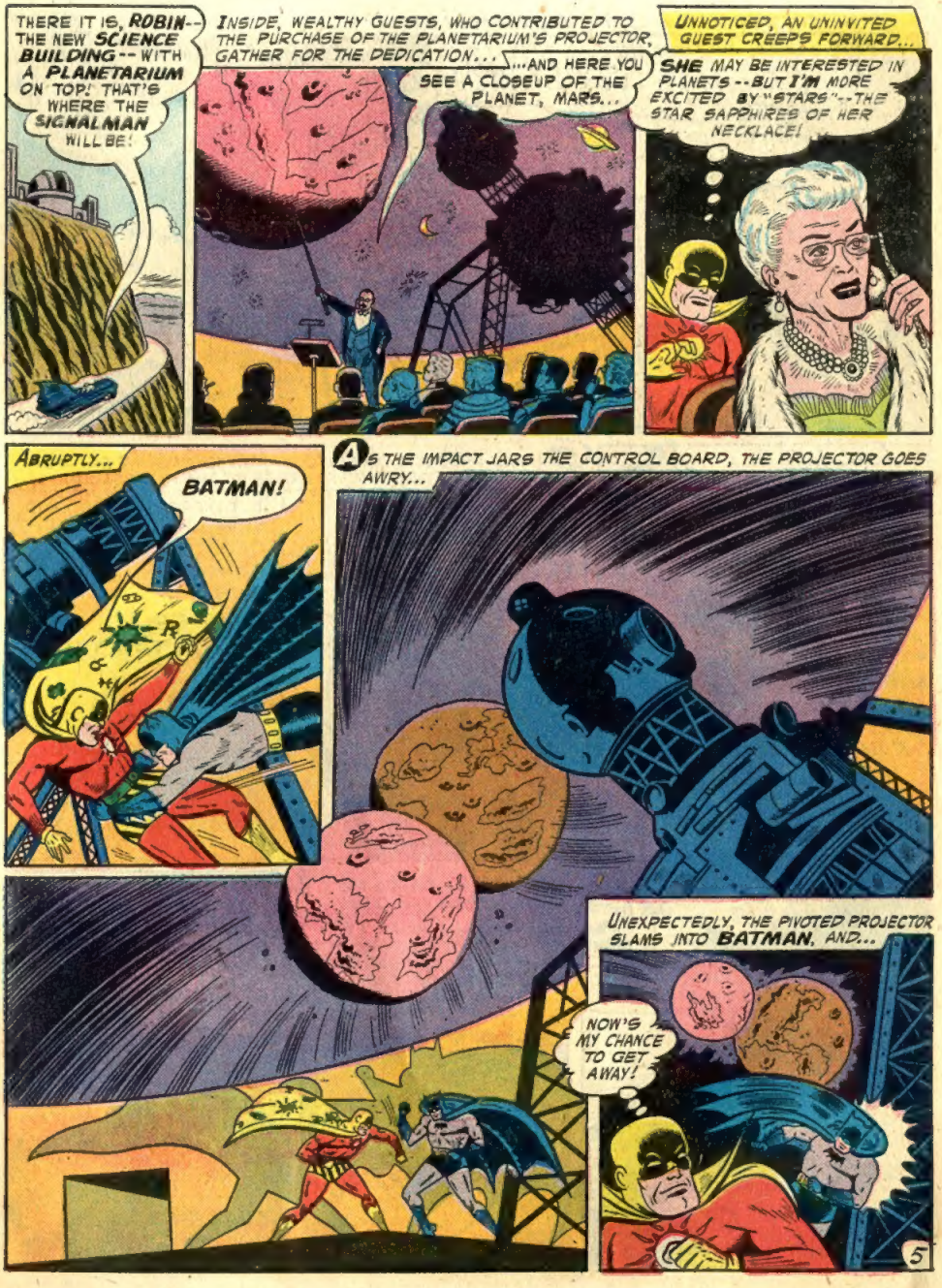
WHAT WOULD THEY MEAN?

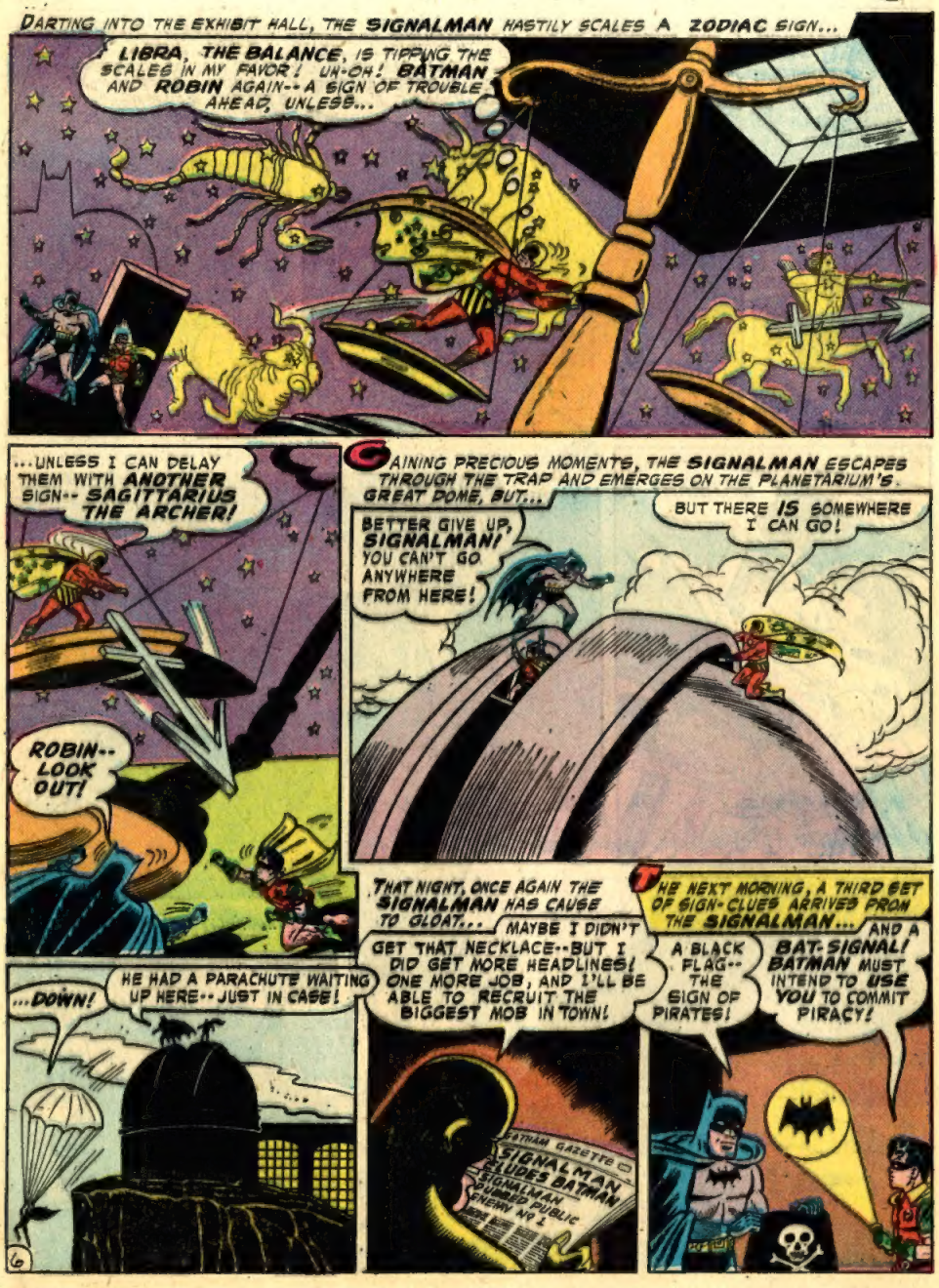
IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR BUILDERS TO HOIST A FIR TREE ATOP A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SKYSCRAPER-- AS A SIGN THAT IT HAS "GROWN!"

AND THE ASTRONOMICAL SYMBOLS REPRESENT **EARTH** AND **MARS!** HE MUST INTEND TO PULL A CRIME AT A NEWLY BUILT OBSERVATORY!

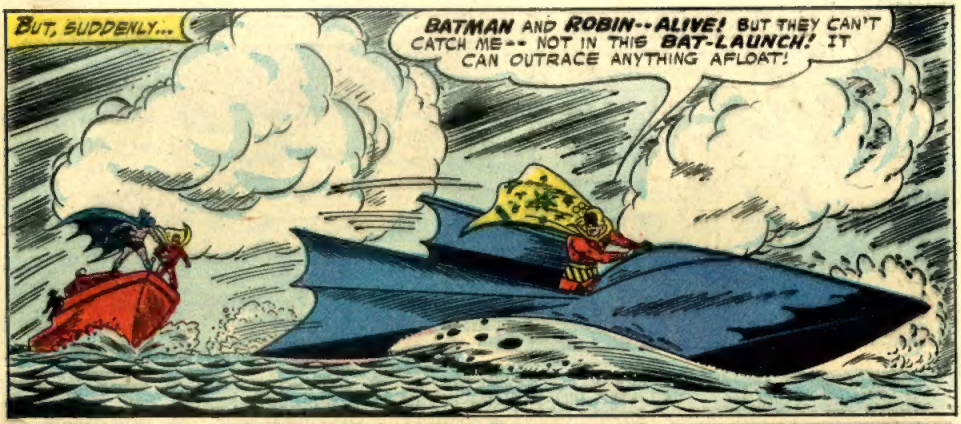
NOTICE, **ROBIN**, THAT THE PLANETS ARE CLOSE TOGETHER! EARTH AND MARS WERE CLOSEST **LAST** YEAR-- IT COULDN'T HAPPEN NOW! BUT THERE IS ONE PLACE THAT CAN **REPRODUCE** THAT SKY SPECTACLE! LET'S GO--!

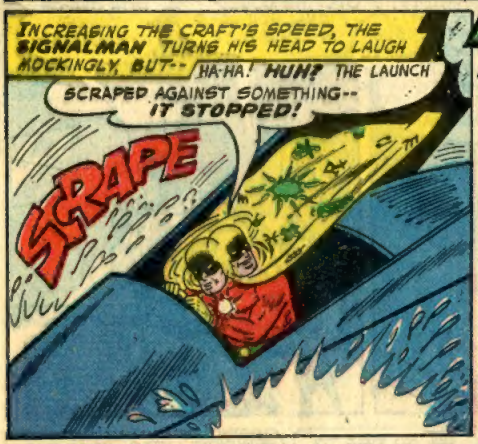
READER, CAN YOU GUESS WHAT **BATMAN** MEANS?

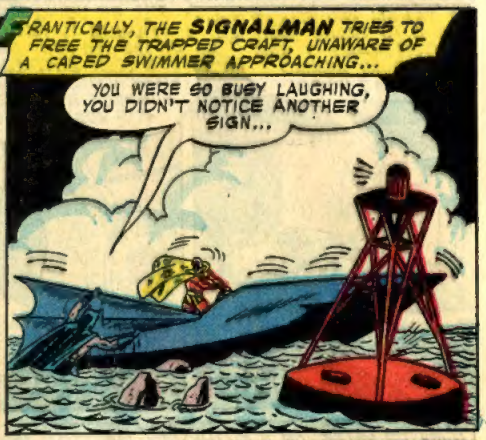

THERE IT IS, ROBIN--THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING--WITH A PLANETARIUM ON TOP! THAT'S WHERE THE SIGNALMAN WILL BE!
INSIDE, WEALTHY GUESTS, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE PURCHASE OF THE PLANETARIUM'S PROJECTOR, GATHER FOR THE DEDICATION...
...AND HERE YOU SEE A CLOSEUP OF THE PLANET, MARS...
UNNOTICED, AN UNINVITED GUEST CREEPS FORWARD...
SHE MAY BE INTERESTED IN PLANETS--BUT I'M MORE EXCITED BY "STARS"--THE STAR SAPPHIRES OF HER NECKLACE!
ABRUPTLY...
BATMAN!
AS THE IMPACT JARS THE CONTROL BOARD, THE PROJECTOR GOES AWRY...
UNEXPECTEDLY, THE PIVOTED PROJECTOR SLAMS INTO BATMAN, AND...
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GET AWAY!

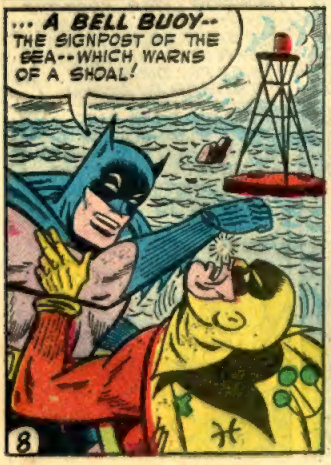

DARTING INTO THE EXHIBIT HALL, THE SIGNALMAN HASTILY SCALES A ZODIAC SIGN...
LIBRA, THE BALANCE, IS TIPPING THE SCALES IN MY FAVOR! UH-OH! BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN--A SIGN OF TROUBLE AHEAD, UNLESS...
...UNLESS I CAN DELAY THEM WITH ANOTHER SIGN--SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER!
ROBIN--LOOK OUT!
GAINING PRECIOUS MOMENTS, THE SIGNALMAN ESCAPES THROUGH THE TRAP AND EMERGES ON THE PLANETARIUM'S GREAT DOME, BUT...
BETTER GIVE UP, SIGNALMAN! YOU CAN'T GO ANYWHERE FROM HERE!
BUT THERE IS SOMEWHERE I CAN GO!
...DOWN!
HE HAD A PARACHUTE WAITING UP HERE--JUST IN CASE!
THAT NIGHT, ONCE AGAIN THE SIGNALMAN HAS CAUSE TO GLOAT...
MAYBE I DIDN'T GET THAT NECKLACE--BUT I DID GET MORE HEADLINES! ONE MORE JOB, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO RECRUIT THE BIGGEST MOB IN TOWN!
BATMAN GAZETTE
SIGNALMAN ELUDES BATMAN
SIGNALMAN PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1
THE NEXT MORNING, A THIRD SET OF SIGN-CLUES ARRIVES FROM THE SIGNALMAN...
A BLACK FLAG--THE SIGN OF PIRATES!
AND A BAT-SIGNAL! BATMAN MUST INTEND TO USE YOU TO COMMIT PIRACY!

LATER, IN THEIR SWIFT BAT-LAUNCH, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS TOUR GOTHAM BAY...
THERE HE IS-- CLIMBING ABOARD THAT ANCHORED CABIN CRUISER!
I'LL CUT THE MOTOR SO WE CAN DRIFT UP QUIETLY AND SURPRISE HIM!
CLIMBING ABOARD, BATMAN AND ROBIN BEGIN TO SEARCH THE CABINS, WHEN...
HA! HA! YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP! NEAT, EH, BATMAN? I WAS HIDING BEHIND THE DOOR!
IN EXACTLY 10 MINUTES, A BOMB WILL EXPLODE IN THE ENGINE ROOM! MEANWHILE, I'LL BE USING YOUR BAT-LAUNCH TO ROB THE GUESTS ON THE VAN DORF YACHT! THEY'LL SEE YOUR BAT-LAUNCH APPROACHING, AND WON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE! HA! HA!
UGH--THE DOOR WON'T BUDGE! IF ONLY WE COULD SIGNAL FOR HELP IN SOME WAY!
MAYBE WE CAN, ROBIN--WITH ONE OF THOSE PENNANTS--!
MINUTES LATER, AS A MOTOR LAUNCH PASSES BY...
LOOK AT THAT FLAG! IT'S AN INVITATION TO COME ABOARD AND SHARE A LONELY SKIPPER'S HOSPITALITY!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO ABOARD!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT HOW COME YOU WERE LOCKED IN...?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! WE'VE ALL GOT TO GET OFF HERE--AND FAST!
MOMENTS LATER, FROM THE SAFETY OF THE BAT-LAUNCH, THE SIGNALMAN HEARS THE EXPLOSION THAT SEEMS A SIGN FOR THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN...
I DID IT! I DID WHAT NOBODY ELSE COULD! I FINISHED BATMAN! WHEN THE UNDERWORLD HEARS ABOUT THIS, THEY'LL BE BEGGING TO JOIN MY GANG!
BOOM


BUT, SUDDENLY...
BATMAN AND ROBIN--ALIVE! BUT THEY CAN'T CATCH ME-- NOT IN THIS BAT-LAUNCH! IT CAN OUTRACE ANYTHING AFLOAT!


INCREASING THE CRAFT'S SPEED, THE SIGNALMAN TURNS HIS HEAD TO LAUGH MOCKINGLY, BUT--
HA-HA! HUH? THE LAUNCH SCRAPED AGAINST SOMETHING-- IT STOPPED!
SCRAPE


FRANTICALLY, THE SIGNALMAN TRIES TO FREE THE TRAPPED CRAFT, UNAWARE OF A CAPED SWIMMER APPROACHING...
YOU WERE SO BUSY LAUGHING, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ANOTHER SIGN...


... A BELL BUOY-- THE SIGNPOST OF THE SEA--WHICH WARNS OF A SHOAL!
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AND HERE'S ANOTHER SIGN-- A SIGN THAT THE SIGNALMAN'S CRIME CAREER HAS COME TO AN END!

AND SO, SHORTLY AFTER, THE DREAM OF PHIL COBB, ALIAS THE SIGNALMAN, IS FULFILLED: HE DOES GET A GANG--IN PRISON!
THE END

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THIS WAY!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE MAN WHO ROBBED YOU!
THESE ARE ALL THE MEN WE PICKED UP TODAY!
THAT'S THE MAN! THAT'S HIM!
REMEMBER, YOU'RE ACCUSING HIM OF THEFT! ARE YOU SURE?
I'LL SAY I'M SURE! THE PACKAGE HE STOLE FROM ME HAD THREE LIVE LOBSTERS IN IT!
THE END

WARDEN WILLIS
THOSE MUST BE THE THREE NEW PRISONERS!
YES, WARDEN. THEY JUST CAME IN TODAY. THEY'VE BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT STARING AT THE WALL FOR HOURS!
AND
HMM--I'LL JUST GO THROUGH THEIR FILES!
GUARD! KEEP THOSE NEW MEN AWAY FROM THE WALL AT ALL TIMES!
WHY, WARDEN?
THEY WERE ACROBATS BEFORE THEY CAME HERE!
NOW PLAYING
The FLYING TOLEDOS
SENSATIONAL ACROBATS
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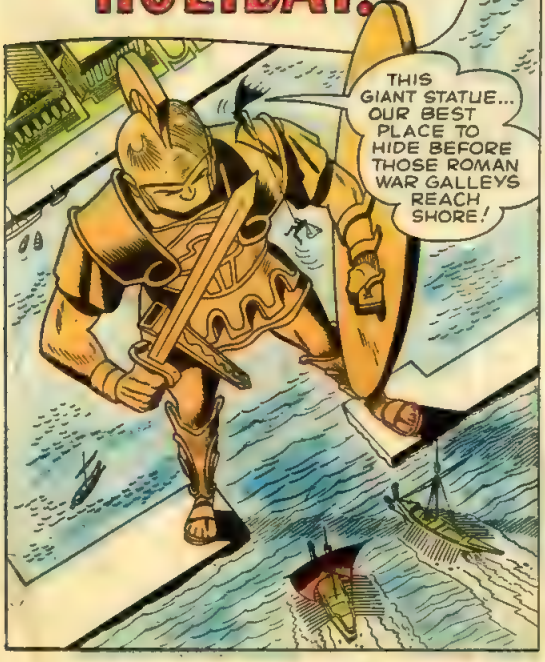
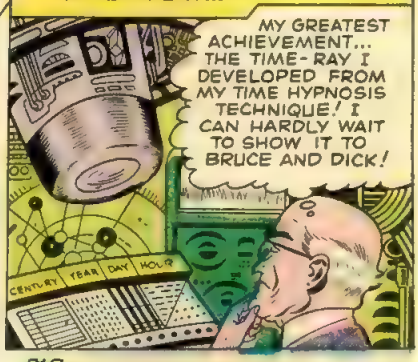
BATMAN With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

MORE THAN ONCE, A MIRACLE OF MODERN SCIENCE HAS BURST THE TIME-BARRIER AND HURLED **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** INTO THE PAST! NOW AGAIN, THEY PLUNGE ACROSS THE AGES TO A PAST CENTURY, ON THE MOST PERILOUS TIME-QUEST THEY HAVE EVER DARED! FOR THIS TIME, IT IS A LIFE-OR-DEATH MISSION THAT TAKES THEM BACK TO THE ANCIENT WORLD FOR...

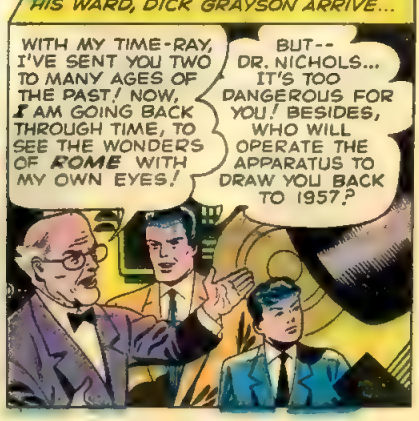
BATMAN'S ROMAN HOLIDAY!

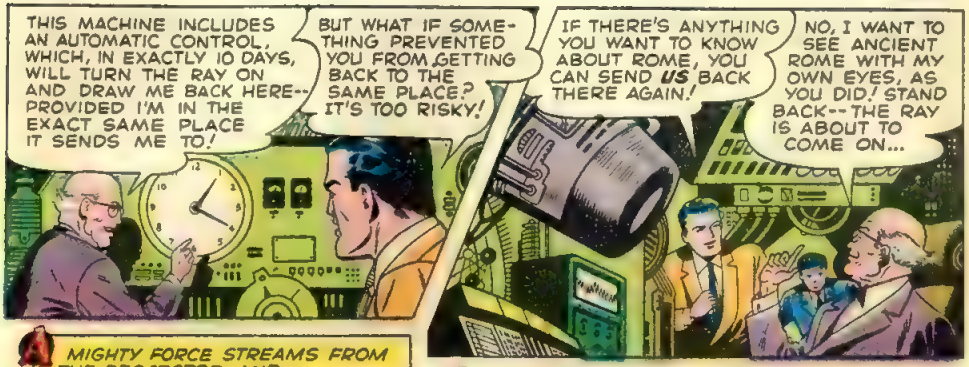


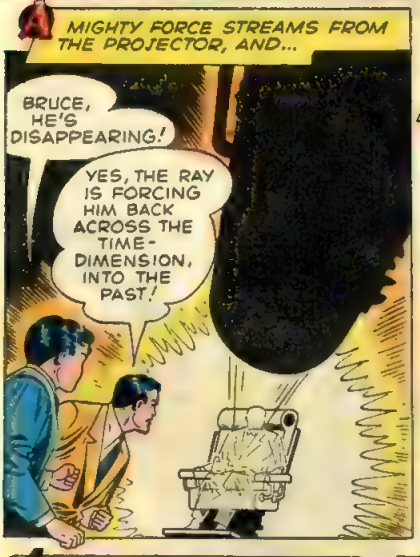
IN A GOTHAM CITY LABORATORY, FAMED SCIENTIST DR. CARTER NICHOLS PLANS HIS MOST DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT...

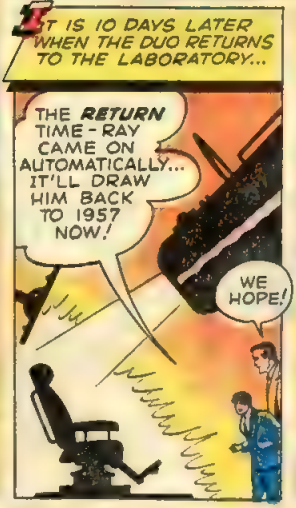

MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT... THE TIME-RAY I DEVELOPED FROM MY TIME HYPNOSIS TECHNIQUE! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SHOW IT TO BRUCE AND DICK!
CENTURY
YEAR
DAY
HOUR

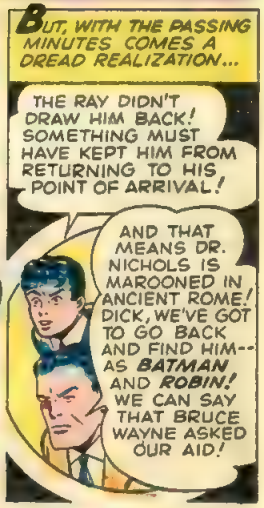
WHEN WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON ARRIVE...


WITH MY TIME-RAY, I'VE SENT YOU TWO TO MANY AGES OF THE PAST! NOW, I AM GOING BACK THROUGH TIME, TO SEE THE WONDERS OF ROME WITH MY OWN EYES!
BUT-- DR. NICHOLS... IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU! BESIDES, WHO WILL OPERATE THE APPARATUS TO DRAW YOU BACK TO 1957?

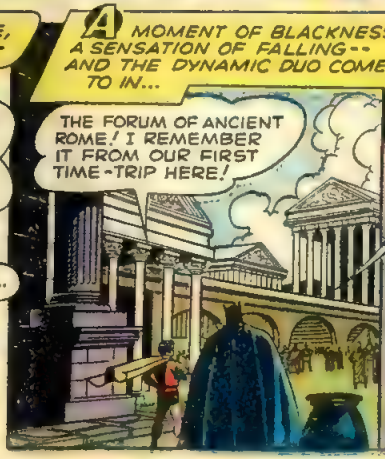

THIS MACHINE INCLUDES AN AUTOMATIC CONTROL, WHICH, IN EXACTLY 10 DAYS, WILL TURN THE RAY ON AND DRAW ME BACK HERE--PROVIDED I'M IN THE EXACT SAME PLACE IT SENDS ME TO!
BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING PREVENTED YOU FROM GETTING BACK TO THE SAME PLACE? IT'S TOO RISKY!
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ROME, YOU CAN SEND US BACK THERE AGAIN!
NO, I WANT TO SEE ANCIENT ROME WITH MY OWN EYES, AS YOU DID! STAND BACK--THE RAY IS ABOUT TO COME ON...


A MIGHTY FORCE STREAMS FROM THE PROJECTOR, AND...
BRUCE, HE'S DISAPPEARING!
YES, THE RAY IS FORCING HIM BACK ACROSS THE TIME-DIMENSION, INTO THE PAST!

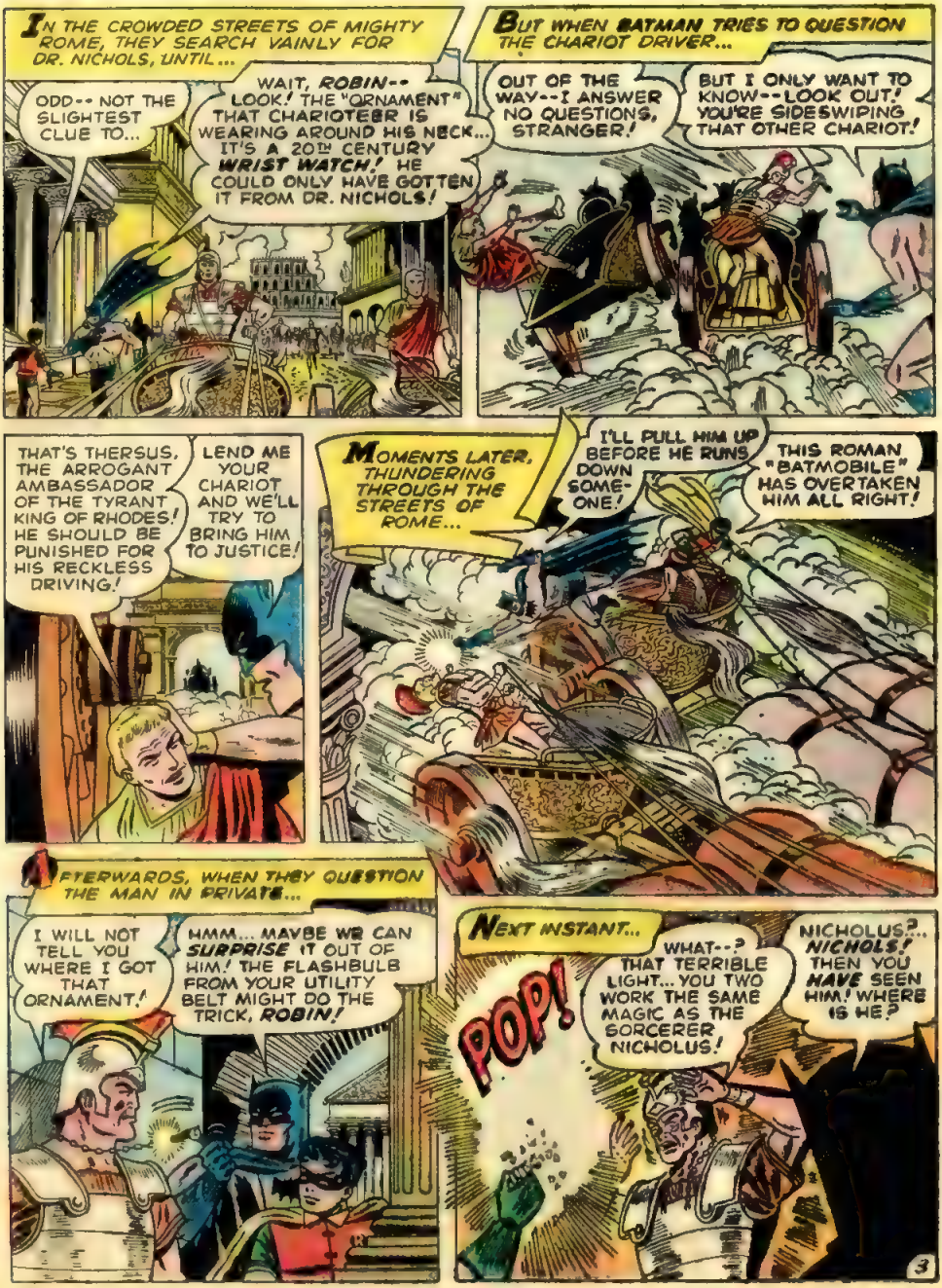

IT IS 10 DAYS LATER WHEN THE DUO RETURNS TO THE LABORATORY...
THE RETURN TIME-RAY CAME ON AUTOMATICALLY... IT'LL DRAW HIM BACK TO 1957 NOW!
WE HOPE!


BUT, WITH THE PASSING MINUTES COMES A DREAD REALIZATION...
THE RAY DIDN'T DRAW HIM BACK! SOMETHING MUST HAVE KEPT HIM FROM RETURNING TO HIS POINT OF ARRIVAL!
AND THAT MEANS DR. NICHOLS IS MAROONED IN ANCIENT ROME! DICK, WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK AND FIND HIM--AS BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE CAN SAY THAT BRUCE WAYNE ASKED OUR AID!

A QUICK CHANGE OF COSTUME, AND A FAMED TEAM OF LAWMEN EMBARKS ON A FATEFUL MISSION...
I SET THE AUTOMATIC CONTROL AGAIN... IT'LL TURN ON, 10 DAYS FROM NOW, TO DRAW US BACK!
THE RAY'S HITTING US NOW--I'M PASSING OUT...


A MOMENT OF BLACKNESS, A SENSATION OF FALLING--AND THE DYNAMIC DUO COMES TO IN...
THE FORUM OF ANCIENT ROME! I REMEMBER IT FROM OUR FIRST TIME-TRIP HERE!

AND WE MUST RETURN TO THIS EXACT SPOT, 10 DAYS FROM NOW, FOR THE RAY TO DRAW US BACK... OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE MAROONED HERE, TOO!


IN THE CROWDED STREETS OF MIGHTY ROME, THEY SEARCH VAINLY FOR DR. NICHOLS, UNTIL...
ODD-- NOT THE SLIGHTEST CLUE TO...
WAIT, ROBIN-- LOOK! THE "ORNAMENT" THAT CHARIOTEER IS WEARING AROUND HIS NECK... IT'S A 20TH CENTURY WRIST WATCH! HE COULD ONLY HAVE GOTTEN IT FROM DR. NICHOLS!
BUT WHEN BATMAN TRIES TO QUESTION THE CHARIOT DRIVER...
OUT OF THE WAY--I ANSWER NO QUESTIONS, STRANGER!
BUT I ONLY WANT TO KNOW--LOOK OUT! YOU'RE SIDESWIPING THAT OTHER CHARIOT!
THAT'S THERSUS, THE ARROGANT AMBASSADOR OF THE TYRANT KING OF RHODES! HE SHOULD BE PUNISHED FOR HIS RECKLESS DRIVING!
LEND ME YOUR CHARIOT AND WE'LL TRY TO BRING HIM TO JUSTICE!
MOMENTS LATER, THUNDERING THROUGH THE STREETS OF ROME...
I'LL PULL HIM UP BEFORE HE RUNS DOWN SOMEONE!
THIS ROMAN "BATMOBILE" HAS OVERTAKEN HIM ALL RIGHT!
AFTERWARDS, WHEN THEY QUESTION THE MAN IN PRIVATE...
I WILL NOT TELL YOU WHERE I GOT THAT ORNAMENT!
HMM... MAYBE WE CAN SURPRISE IT OUT OF HIM! THE FLASHBULB FROM YOUR UTILITY BELT MIGHT DO THE TRICK, ROBIN!
NEXT INSTANT...
POP!
WHAT--? THAT TERRIBLE LIGHT... YOU TWO WORK THE SAME MAGIC AS THE SORCERER NICHOLUS!
NICHOLUS?... NICHOLS! THEN YOU HAVE SEEN HIM! WHERE IS HE?

I--I MET NICHOLUS IN THE FORUM, DAYS AGO... HE SAID HE WAS FROM THE FAR FUTURE! SO I HAD MY MEN SEIZE HIM AND TAKE HIM TO MY MASTER, KING PHORBUS OF RHODES, TO MAKE MAGIC WEAPONS FOR US!
BATMAN, HERE COME THE ROMAN POLICE!
IT IS THEN THAT A CUNNING SCHEMER SUDDENLY CHANGES HIS TONE...
THESE TWO ARE BANDITS! THEY ROBBED ME OF THAT ORNAMENT HE IS HOLDING!
WE'RE NOT THIEVES... WE CAN EXPLAIN!
YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO THE MAGISTRATE! COME ALONG...
PRESENTLY, IN A ROMAN COURT...
I'M NO THIEF... MY NAME IS--ER-- BATMANUS!
WHAT? YOU CLAIM TO BE THE FAMOUS BATMANUS, WHO ONCE VISITED ROME AND CONQUERED MIGHTY MEN AND BEASTS BY MAGIC SKILL? WE WILL TEST YOUR CLAIM, THEN-- IN THE ARENA!
AND, IN THE GREAT ARENA, THE STERN JUSTICE OF ROME SOON PUTS BATMAN TO THE TEST...
RELEASE THE LION! IF HE IS TRULY THE LEGENDARY BATMANUS, HE CAN CONQUER IT!
WHEW! I GOT TOO BIG A REPUTATION THE FIRST TIME I WAS HERE! ONLY ONE CHANCE-- WHEN HE MAKES HIS SPRING...
ARRGH!
THE LASSO IS NEW TO ANCIENT ROME--AND TO THIS LION!
OOOOO
AND AS BATMAN LEAPS SIDEWISE, WITH FLASHING SWIFTNESS...
THAT'LL HOBBLE HIM AND KEEP HIM OUT OF MISCHIEF!
HURRAH! HE IS THE BATMANUS OF LEGEND, COME BACK AGAIN TO ROME! ONLY HE COULD HAVE PERFORMED THAT FEAT!
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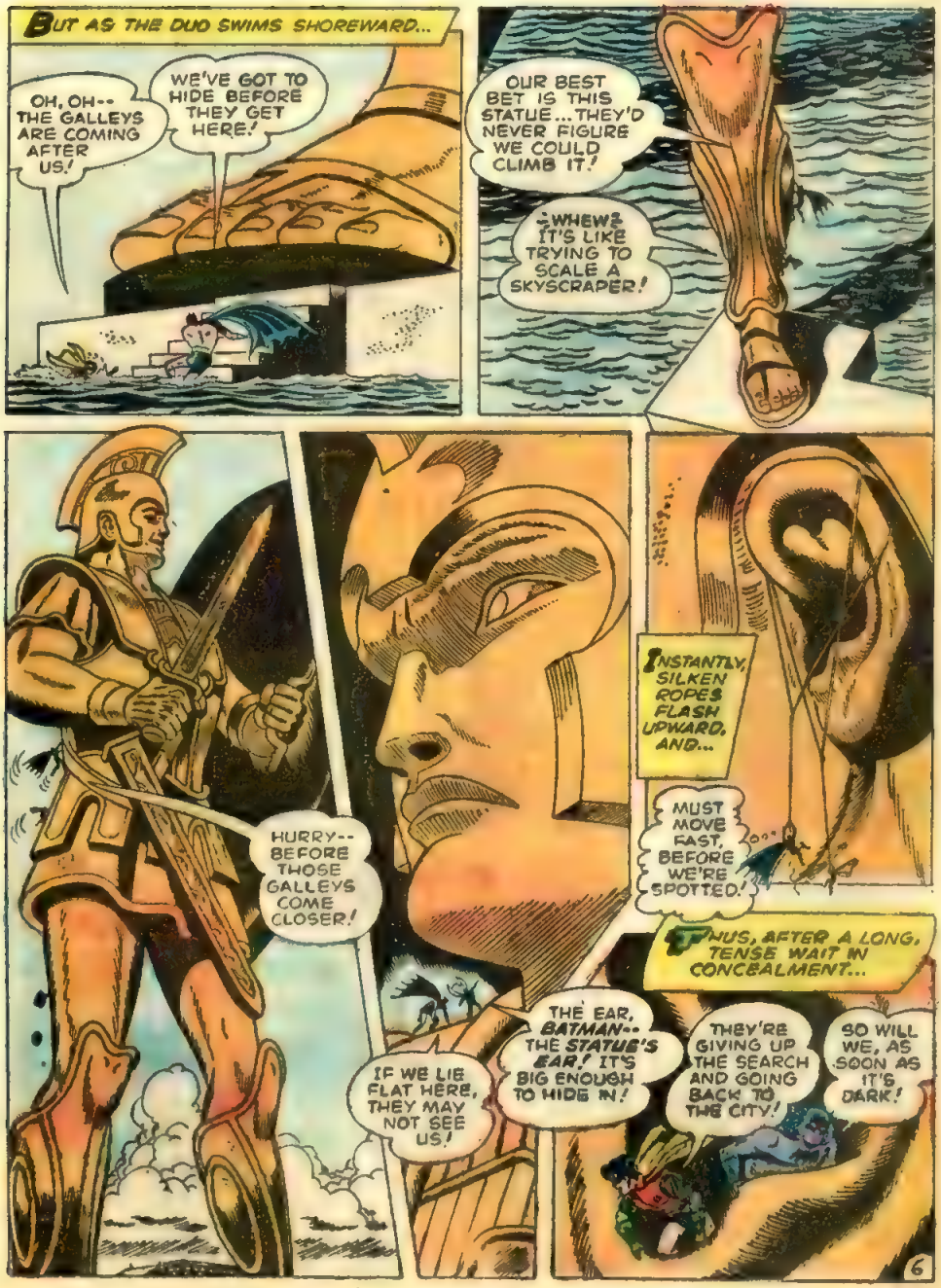
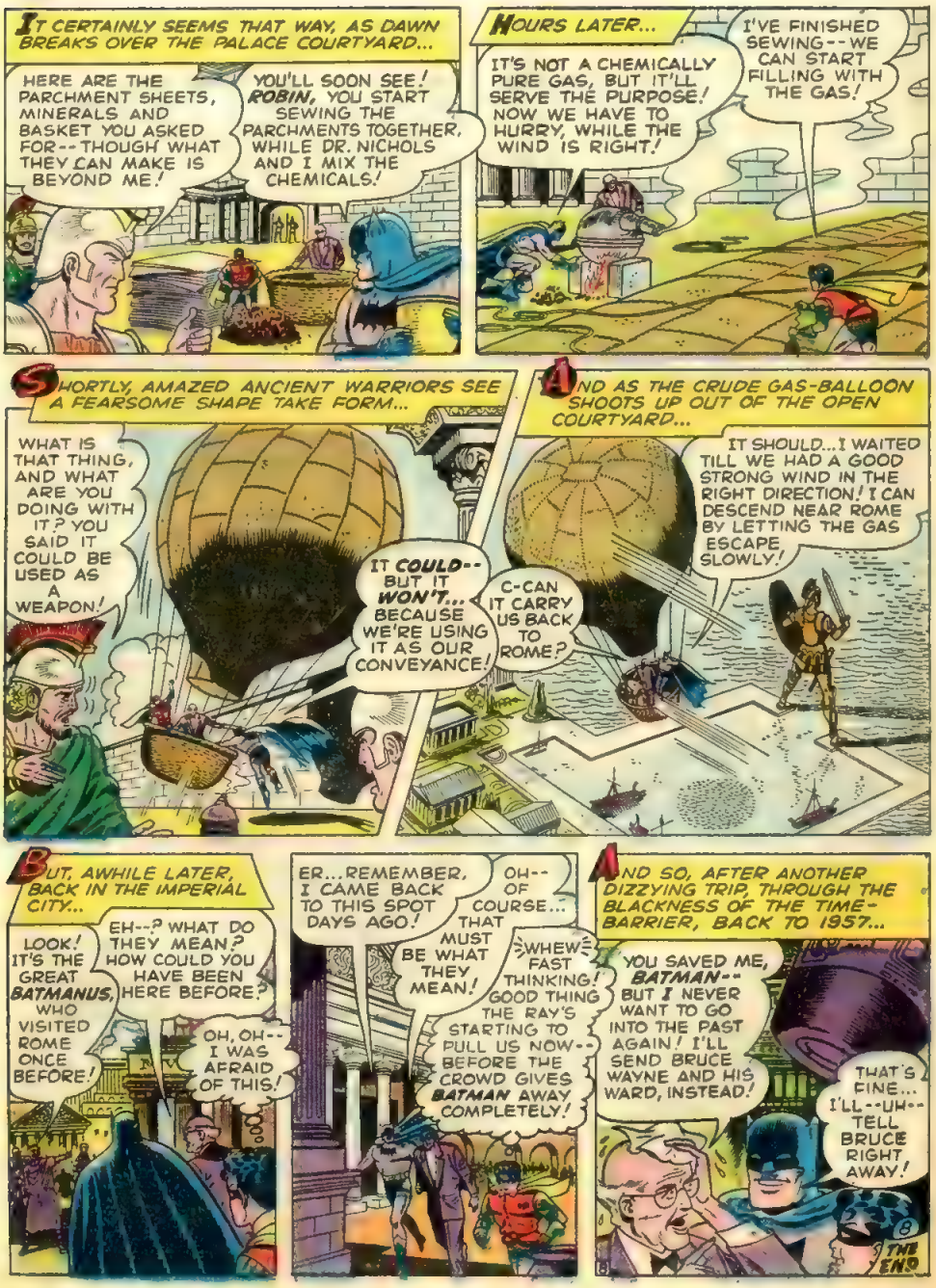
BUT, THOUGH BATMAN HAS BEEN CLEARED, ROBIN SEES A NEW DANGER...
BATMAN, IF DR. NICHOLS EVER HEARS THAT YOU WERE IN ROME BEFORE, HE'LL REALIZE THAT BRUCE WAYNE, WHO HE ONCE SENT BACK TO ROME, IS BATMAN!
I KNOW... I'VE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT THAT EVER SINCE NICHOLS CAME INTO THE PAST!
BATMANUS! I SENT TO ARREST THERSUS FOR MAKING FALSE CHARGES AGAINST YOU, BUT HE HAS LEFT BY GALLEY TO RETURN TO RHODES!
THEN WE'LL FOLLOW HIM! WE HAVE TO RESCUE A FRIEND THERE ANYHOW!
EXCELLENT! KING PHORBUS OF RHODES IS AN AMBITIOUS PLOTTER... WE WILL HAVE ONE OF OUR OWN GALLEYS TAKE YOU TO RHODES, IF YOU CAN STOP HIS PLANS!
THANK YOU... WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE!
DAYS LATER, AS A ROMAN GALLEY APPROACHES THE ISLAND OF RHODES...
SO THAT'S THE FAMOUS COLOSSUS OF RHODES THAT STANDS OVER THE HARBOR ENTRANCE! SOME STATUE, BATMAN!
LOOK AT THOSE WAR-GALLEYS COMING OUT TO US! THAT RASCAL THERSUS MUST HAVE CARRIED A WARNING!
SOON...
THOSE TWO MASKED STRANGERS ARE THE ONLY ONES WE WANT-- NO ONE ELSE WILL BE BOTHERED!
I WAS RIGHT... THERSUS HAD THEM WAITING FOR US! IT'S TOO HOT HERE FOR US...
...SO WE'LL COOL OFF THE FAST WAY!
RIGHT... IN THEIR HEAVY ARMOR, THEY CAN'T DIVE IN AFTER US!


BUT AS THE DUO SWIMS SHOREWARD...
OH, OH-- THE GALLEYS ARE COMING AFTER US!
WE'VE GOT TO HIDE BEFORE THEY GET HERE!
OUR BEST BET IS THIS STATUE... THEY'D NEVER FIGURE WE COULD CLIMB IT!
WHEW! IT'S LIKE TRYING TO SCALE A SKYSCRAPER!
INSTANTLY, SILKEN ROPES FLASH UPWARD, AND...
MUST MOVE FAST, BEFORE WE'RE SPOTTED!
HURRY-- BEFORE THOSE GALLEYS COME CLOSER!
IF WE LIE FLAT HERE, THEY MAY NOT SEE US!
THE EAR, BATMAN-- THE STATUE'S EAR! IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO HIDE IN!
THUS, AFTER A LONG, TENSE WAIT IN CONCEALMENT...
THEY'RE GIVING UP THE SEARCH AND GOING BACK TO THE CITY!
SO WILL WE, AS SOON AS IT'S DARK!

LATER, UNDER A FULL MOON, TWO SHADOWY SHAPES LOOM ABOVE THE ANCIENT CITY OF A TYRANT...
THE PALACE WILL BE GUARDED, BUT WE CAN SWING DOWN ONTO ITS ROOF, AND SEARCH IT BY LOOKING INTO ITS WINDOWS!
CLAMBERING EXPERTLY ALONG THE MASONRY WALLS, THE DYNAMIC DUO MOVES FROM ONE WINDOW TO ANOTHER, UNTIL...
BATMAN, THERE'S DR. NICHOLS--TIED IN THAT CHAIR!
QUIET NOW--WE HAVE TO GET HIM OUT WITHOUT A SOUND!
BUT AS THEY LEAP IN...
IT IS THEY, YOUR MAJESTY... THE TWO STRANGERS I WARNED YOU ABOUT!
YES, THERSUS--THEY CAME TO RESCUE THEIR FRIEND, AS YOU PREDICTED!
WHAT--? A TRAP!
WE COULD JUMP THEM, BUT THEIR ARROWS MIGHT HIT DR. NICHOLS... CAN'T RISK THAT!
IF YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS OF THIS MAGICIAN NICHOLUS, PERHAPS YOU ARE ALSO MAGICIANS FROM THE FUTURE?
UH--YES, KING PHORBUS... WE ARE FROM THE FUTURE!
NICHOLUS HAS REFUSED TO MAKE FUTURE-TYPE WEAPONS FOR ME, BUT YOU CAN DO IT! MAKE THEM, AND I WILL LET YOU ALL GO FREE!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL MAKE A THING OF THE FUTURE THAT CAN BE USED AS A WEAPON, IF YOU GET ME THE NEEDED SUPPLIES!
NO, BATMAN! YOU CAN'T MAKE WEAPONS FOR THIS TYRANT... YOU MUSTN'T!
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO, DR. NICHOLS? I HAVE TO GET YOU BACK TO 1957... THAT'S WHY BRUCE WAYNE SENT US HERE TO FIND YOU!
IS IT POSSIBLE?..BATMAN MAKING A DEAL WITH A VILLAINOUS KING?


IT CERTAINLY SEEMS THAT WAY, AS DAWN BREAKS OVER THE PALACE COURTYARD...
HERE ARE THE PARCHMENT SHEETS, MINERALS AND BASKET YOU ASKED FOR--THOUGH WHAT THEY CAN MAKE IS BEYOND ME!
YOU'LL SOON SEE! ROBIN, YOU START SEWING THE PARCHMENTS TOGETHER, WHILE DR. NICHOLS AND I MIX THE CHEMICALS!
HOURS LATER...
IT'S NOT A CHEMICALLY PURE GAS, BUT IT'LL SERVE THE PURPOSE! NOW WE HAVE TO HURRY, WHILE THE WIND IS RIGHT!
I'VE FINISHED SEWING--WE CAN START FILLING WITH THE GAS!
SHORTLY, AMAZED ANCIENT WARRIORS SEE A FEARSOME SHAPE TAKE FORM...
WHAT IS THAT THING, AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH IT? YOU SAID IT COULD BE USED AS A WEAPON!
IT COULD--BUT IT WON'T... BECAUSE WE'RE USING IT AS OUR CONVEYANCE!
C-CAN IT CARRY US BACK TO ROME?
AND AS THE CRUDE GAS-BALLOON SHOOTS UP OUT OF THE OPEN COURTYARD...
IT SHOULD...I WAITED TILL WE HAD A GOOD STRONG WIND IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION! I CAN DESCEND NEAR ROME BY LETTING THE GAS ESCAPE SLOWLY!
BUT, AWHILE LATER, BACK IN THE IMPERIAL CITY...
LOOK! IT'S THE GREAT BATMANUS, WHO VISITED ROME ONCE BEFORE!
EH--? WHAT DO THEY MEAN? HOW COULD YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE?
OH, OH--I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!
ER...REMEMBER, I CAME BACK TO THIS SPOT DAYS AGO!
OH--OF COURSE... THAT MUST BE WHAT THEY MEAN!
WHEW! FAST THINKING! GOOD THING THE RAY'S STARTING TO PULL US NOW--BEFORE THE CROWD GIVES BATMAN AWAY COMPLETELY!
AND SO, AFTER ANOTHER DIZZYING TRIP, THROUGH THE BLACKNESS OF THE TIME-BARRIER, BACK TO 1957...
YOU SAVED ME, BATMAN--BUT I NEVER WANT TO GO INTO THE PAST AGAIN! I'LL SEND BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, INSTEAD!
THAT'S FINE... I'LL--UH--TELL BRUCE RIGHT AWAY!
THE END

Trouble on the London Express

INSPECTOR Mike Lansing didn't expect to run into any trouble, en route to Scotland Yard, which he was to visit for a month. But, then, Lansing was an American detective—and trouble was his business, everywhere.

The flight across had been uneventful. Now, he was dozing aboard the express to London, when a commotion in the adjoining compartment compelled him to investigate. In response to his knock, a spry, little man flung open the door. He eyed Lansing, quizzically.

"I'm sorry to intrude," said Lansing. "But there seems to be a disturbance here. I happen to be an American detective, and if—"

"An American detective! Oh, how wonderfully fortunate," interrupted a typical English dowager, who rushed up to him. "You must recover my necklace!"

"Well, madame, I'll try, but you'll have to start at the beginning," said Lansing, in a comforting voice.

"The lady is too distressed," said the little man, balancing a coffee cup in his hand. "Allow me to enlighten you. I am Doctor Arndt of Paris, Berlin, Rome—a man of the world, so to speak. I am sharing this compartment with the victim of this unfortunate experience, and these two gentlemen—Mr. Vandermeer, an importer from Holland, and Mr. Gibbons, an insurance executive—when all of a sudden just as we enter the tunnel, the lights are extinguished, and the lady cries out, 'Help! My necklace!'"

"It was an anniversary gift from my husband," the woman moaned in anguish. "Rubies and emeralds. Hubert will never forgive me."

The little man threw her a consoling glance, then went on. "Just as we emerged from the tunnel, the lights go on, and madame confronts us with an accusation: 'One of you tore it from me. I must have it back, or not one of you will leave the train! The police will search every nook of this compartment!'"

Lansing eyed the three suspects. "Will the thief hand over the necklace, or must I do it the hard way?"

"You behave just like the American detective so familiar in the cinema," scoffed the insurance executive.

"Now, now," cautioned Dr. Arndt. "We must extend him every courtesy. Besides, if you're not guilty, you shouldn't mind being searched. In fact, sir, you may begin with me."

The other men yielded, too, but the search was in vain. Lansing frowned, then began a systematic scrutiny of the compartment, omitting the baggage because the culprit hadn't had time to conceal it. That proved fruitless, too.

"Ah, my coffee has become cold," said Dr. Arndt, making a wry face as he tasted it. "Perhaps, some hot coffee will refresh us all. I'll ring for the steward."

"That's a good idea," agreed Lansing. "You do that."

Dr. Arndt pressed a buzzer, then stepped towards the carafe, his back to the others. "I'll just pour it back into this," he said.

There was a knock. "Steward!" came a muffled voice from behind the door.

Lansing opened it. "Here! Take this away," said Dr. Arndt, extending the carafe to him, "and fetch us some hot coffee. Bring four cups, too."

But instead of the steward's hand, it was Lansing's that gripped the carafe. Abruptly, he flipped open its top, pushed back his shirt sleeve, and submerged his hand. To the surprise of all, except one, there was the necklace in his clenched hand, as he removed it.

"The—the necklace!" gasped Dr. Arndt.

"And it shouldn't be any surprise to you, Herr Doktor," said Lansing. "I noticed that you were the only one drinking when I entered. What better place to drop the necklace than into your cup, then remove it via the carafe!" Suddenly, Lansing's foot lashed out at the door, slamming it shut as the steward tried to bolt. "And, no doubt, this steward was in cahoots with you, because someone had to snap off the compartment's lights on the master control panel."

IT WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE, AS EVERYTHING THAT **BATMAN** TOOK FOR GRANTED SUDDENLY SEEMED A LIE--SOMETHING HE IMAGINED! INDEED, EVEN DICK GRAYSON, WHO IS REALLY **ROBIN**, DENIED KNOWING **BATMAN'S** EXISTENCE! THUS, THE MAN WEARING THE **BATMAN** COSTUME SOON HAD TO ASK HIMSELF THE TERRIBLE QUESTION...

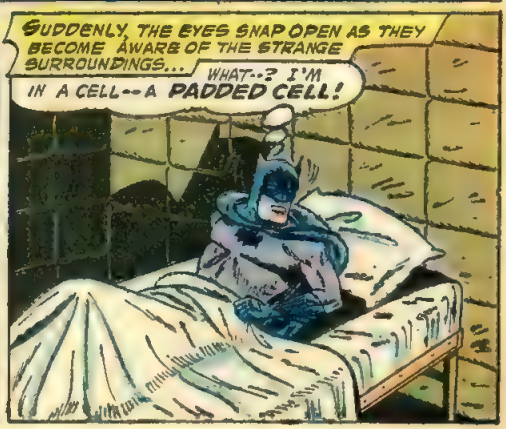
BATMAN With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

AM I REALLY BATMAN?

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME, DICK? I'M BRUCE WAYNE... **BATMAN!**
NO! YOU'RE NOT THE **REAL** BRUCE WAYNE-- AND THE REAL BRUCE WAYNE IS **NOT BATMAN!**
BOB KANE

A CAPED FIGURE AWAKENS FROM SLEEP, STIRS LISTLESSLY...

SUDDENLY, THE EYES SNAP OPEN AS THEY BECOME AWARE OF THE STRANGE SURROUNDINGS...



GUARD! WHAT AM I DOING HERE? LET ME OUT! I'M BATMAN!
OH, SURE-- YOU'RE "BATMAN"...
...AND HE'S "NAPOLEON"! THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU-- PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY'RE SOMEBODY ELSE!
GREAT SCOTT! I'M IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION!
THE TERRIBLE THOUGHT ROUSES BATMAN INTO A NEAR FRENZY...
I'M REALLY BATMAN! CALL ROBIN-- HE'LL TELL YOU I'M REALLY BATMAN!
YOU POOR FELLOW! HOW COULD YOU BE BATMAN-- WHEN IT WAS BATMAN AND ROBIN WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE?
NO! THAT'S CRAZY-- IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'RE LYING!
PERHAPS THE TRUTH WILL RETURN YOU TO SANITY! BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL BE ON A NEWSCAST SHORTLY... YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF!
YOU MUST BE LYING! IF I'M NOT BATMAN, WHY DIDN'T YOU REMOVE MY COSTUME?
WHEN BATMAN BROUGHT YOU HERE, HE ASKED ME TO HUMOR YOU! HE THINKS REMOVING THIS FAKE COSTUME TOO SOON MIGHT PROVE TOO GREAT A SHOCK FOR YOUR MIND!
SOON AFTER, THE TV SCREEN REVEALS A STARTLING SCENE...
...IN BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I GIVE YOU THIS MEDAL FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE TO JUSTICE!
ROBIN--WITH ANOTHER BATMAN! IT--IT'S FANTASTIC!
THAT OTHER BATMAN IS A FAKE! HE'S IMPERSONATING ME-- HE'S EVEN GOT ROBIN CONVINCED HE'S ME! IT'S A PLOT AGAINST ME, I TELL YOU!
GRAB HIM, JOE! HE'S GETTING VIOLENT!
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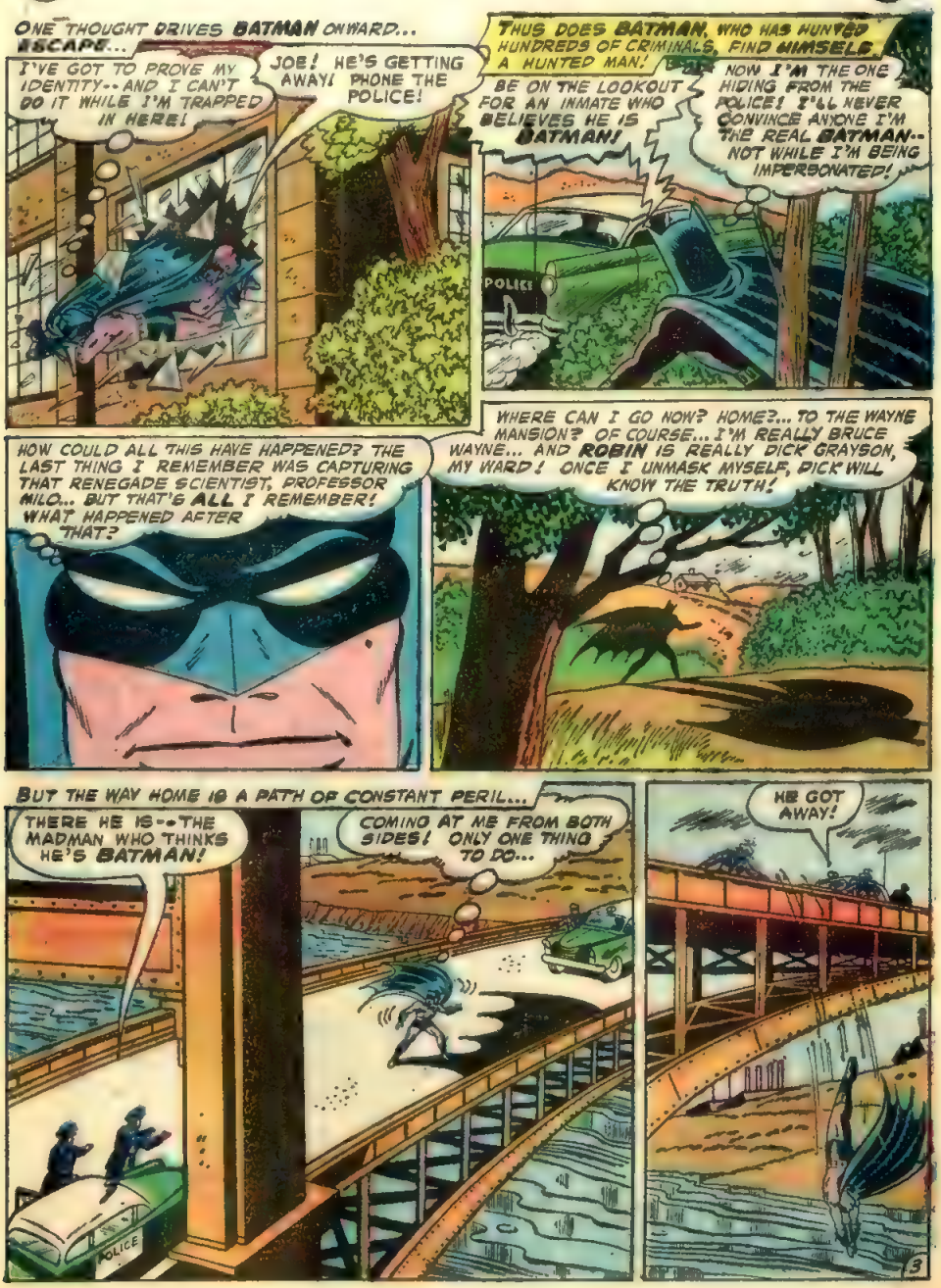
ONE THOUGHT DRIVES BATMAN ONWARD... ESCAPE...
I'VE GOT TO PROVE MY IDENTITY-- AND I CAN'T DO IT WHILE I'M TRAPPED IN HERE!
JOE! HE'S GETTING AWAY! PHONE THE POLICE!
THUS DOES BATMAN, WHO HAS HUNTED HUNDREDS OF CRIMINALS, FIND HIMSELF A HUNTED MAN!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN INMATE WHO BELIEVES HE IS BATMAN!
POLICE
NOW I'M THE ONE HIDING FROM THE POLICE! I'LL NEVER CONVINCE ANYONE I'M THE REAL BATMAN-- NOT WHILE I'M BEING IMPERSONATED!
HOW COULD ALL THIS HAVE HAPPENED? THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS CAPTURING THAT RENEGADE SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR MILO... BUT THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER! WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
WHERE CAN I GO NOW? HOME?... TO THE WAYNE MANSION? OF COURSE... I'M REALLY BRUCE WAYNE... AND ROBIN IS REALLY DICK GRAYSON, MY WARD! ONCE I UNMASK MYSELF, DICK WILL KNOW THE TRUTH!
BUT THE WAY HOME IS A PATH OF CONSTANT PERIL...
THERE HE IS-- THE MADMAN WHO THINKS HE'S BATMAN!
COMING AT ME FROM BOTH SIDES! ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
POLICE
HE GOT AWAY!
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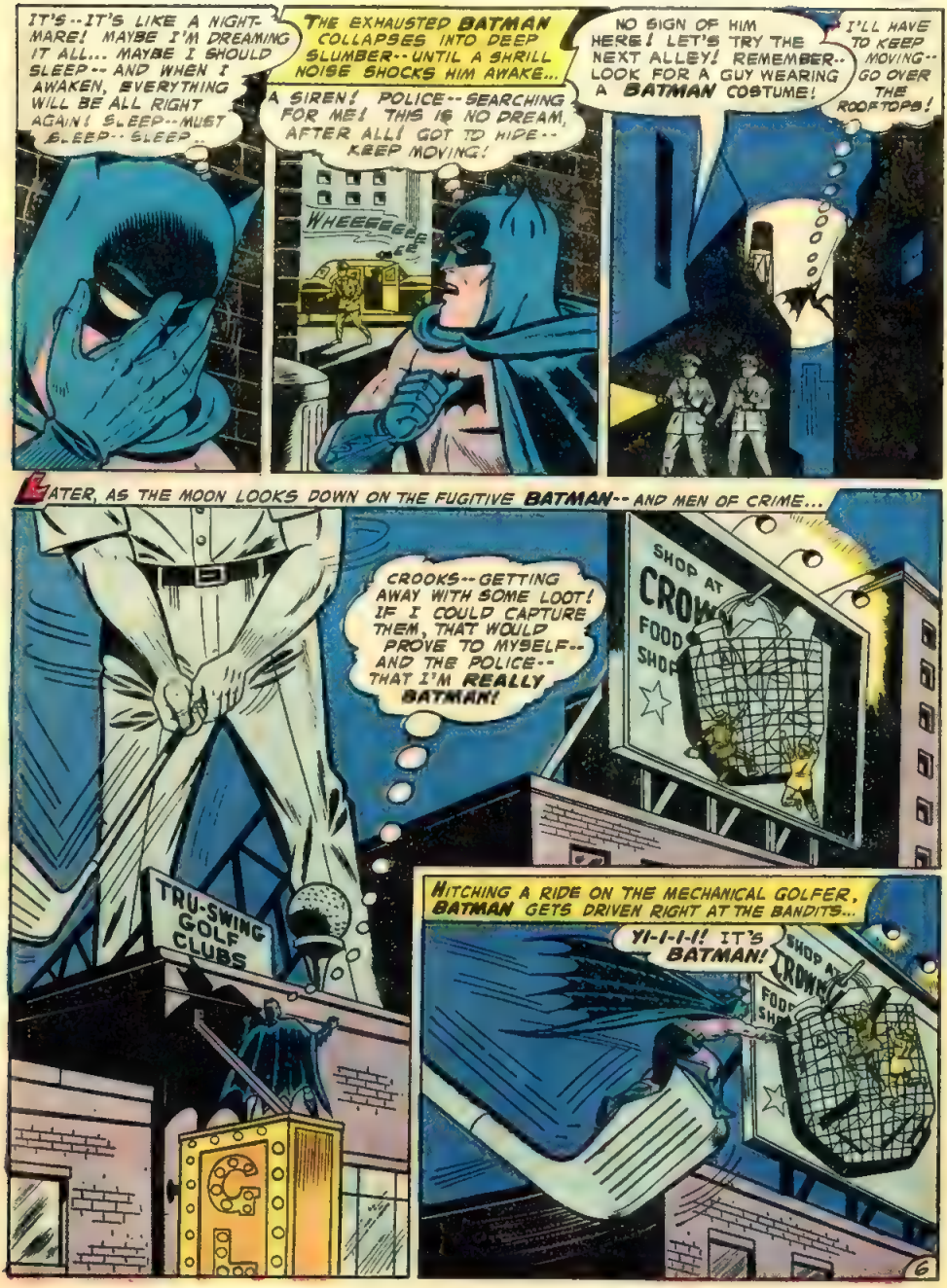
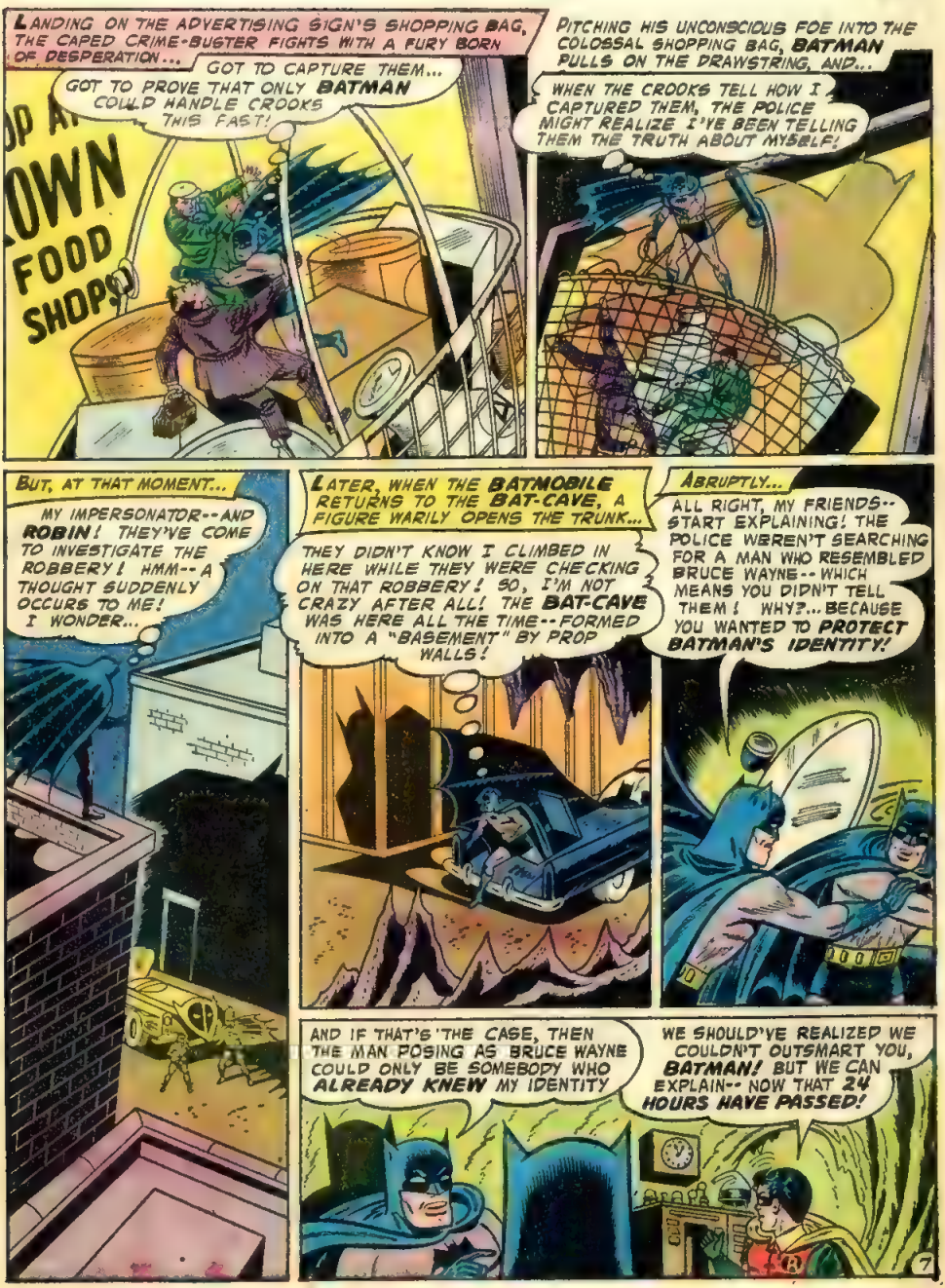
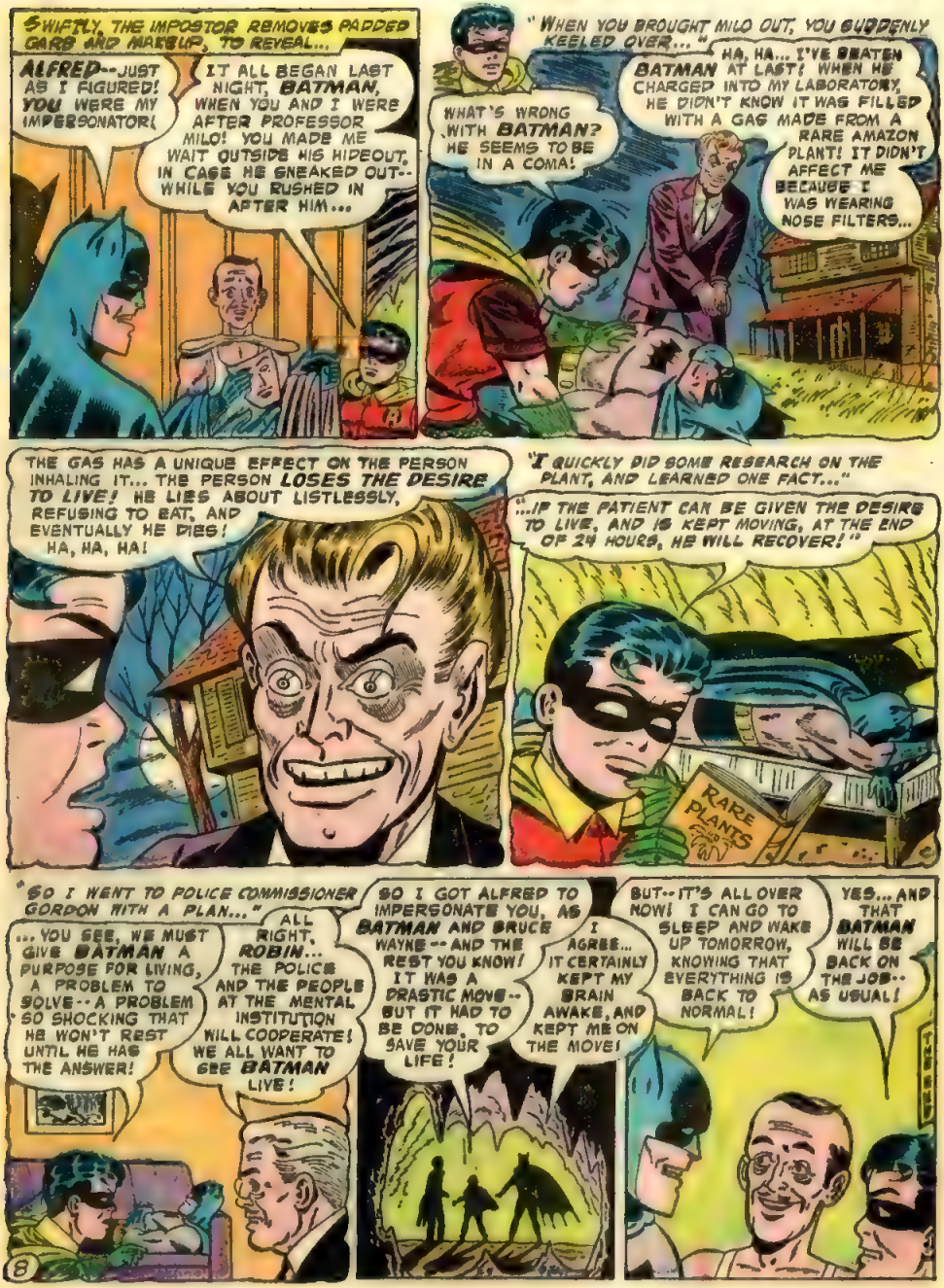
LATER, AS BATMAN APPROACHES THE WAYNE MANSION...
MUST MAKE SURE THE POLICE HAVEN'T TRAILED ME HERE... OTHERWISE THEY'LL REALIZE THAT THE SECRET IDENTITY OF BATMAN IS BRUCE WAYNE!
AND SO AT LAST, THE HUNTED MAN REACHES HIS REFUGE...
ALFRED! IT'S GOOD TO SEE A FAMILIAR FACE AGAIN! WHERE'S DICK? IS HE DOWN IN THE BAT-CAVE?
EH--? WHERE?
SWIFTLY, BATMAN RUSHES PAST THE BUTLER AND HURRIES DOWNSTAIRS, ONLY TO DISCOVER...
THE BAT-CAVE... IT'S GONE! DICK--WHERE'S THE BAT-CAVE?
GASP! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THERE'S NO BAT-CAVE HERE!
MINUTES LATER, ANOTHER SHOCK GREETS BATMAN AS A THIRD FIGURE DESCENDS...
GREAT SCOTT! WHO--WHO ARE YOU?
BRUCE WAYNE, OF COURSE!
YOU CAN'T BE! I'M BRUCE WAYNE! YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR! DICK, LOOK AT MY FACE! HE'S TRICKED YOU! YOU KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY--YOU KNOW I'M BATMAN!
THIS MUST BE THAT ESCAPED MADMAN! POOR FELLOW... HE'S READ SO MUCH ABOUT BATMAN THAT HE FINALLY IMAGINED HE IS BATMAN! AND, BECAUSE HE RESEMBLES ME, HE THINKS BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!
TCH-TCH... AND HE PROBABLY THINKS I'M ROBIN!

IS THAT BOY AN IMPOSTOR, TOO? NO-- I RECOGNIZE THAT BIRTHMARK ON HIS SHOULDER! HE IS DICK! BUT WHY IS HE DENYING HE'S ROBIN? WHY?... WHY?
LOOK-- I SAW BRUCE GET THAT NICK ON HIS CHEEK WHILE SHAVING, TWO DAYS AGO! THAT PROVES HE'S BRUCE WAYNE-- BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THAT NICK!
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I KNOW I'M BRUCE WAYNE... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BRUCE WAYNE! WHY ARE YOU DENYING IT, DICK-- WHY?
SUDDENLY...
GRAB HIM, DICK! HE'S GETTING VIOLENT!
IT'S CRAZY--CRAZY! I FEEL LIKE I'M FIGHTING MYSELF!
FLEXING HIS POWERFUL MUSCLES, BATMAN WRENCHES HIMSELF FREE, AND...
SORRY I HAVE TO DO THIS, BUT I MUST GET AWAY... GET AWAY TO THINK--FIGURE THIS OUT!
ESCAPING, THE HUNTED BATMAN SEEKS REFUGE IN THE SHADOWY ALLEYS OF THE CITY...
MAYBE I'D BE SAFER REMOVING MY COSTUME! NO--THAT WOULDN'T HELP! THAT IMPOSTOR MUST HAVE TOLD THE POLICE I RESEMBLE HIM! THEY'D RECOGNIZE ME, ANYHOW!
:SIGH: FEEL SO TIRED--AS IF I DON'T CARE ANYMORE! I'M TIRED OF FIGHTING--TIRED OF RUNNING! MAYBE I HAVE LOST MY MIND-- MAYBE I SHOULD BE LOCKED UP!


IT'S--IT'S LIKE A NIGHTMARE! MAYBE I'M DREAMING IT ALL... MAYBE I SHOULD SLEEP-- AND WHEN I AWAKEN, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT AGAIN! SLEEP--MUST SLEEP--SLEEP...
THE EXHAUSTED BATMAN COLLAPSES INTO DEEP SLUMBER--UNTIL A SHRILL NOISE SHOCKS HIM AWAKE...
A SIREN! POLICE--SEARCHING FOR ME! THIS IS NO DREAM, AFTER ALL! GOT TO HIDE--KEEP MOVING!
WHEEEEEEE
NO SIGN OF HIM HERE! LET'S TRY THE NEXT ALLEY! REMEMBER--LOOK FOR A GUY WEARING A BATMAN COSTUME!
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MOVING--GO OVER THE ROOFTOPS!
LATER, AS THE MOON LOOKS DOWN ON THE FUGITIVE BATMAN--AND MEN OF CRIME...
CROOKS--GETTING AWAY WITH SOME LOOT! IF I COULD CAPTURE THEM, THAT WOULD PROVE TO MYSELF--AND THE POLICE--THAT I'M REALLY BATMAN!
SHOP AT
FOOD
SHOP
TRU-SWING GOLF CLUBS
HITCHING A RIDE ON THE MECHANICAL GOLFER, BATMAN GETS DRIVEN RIGHT AT THE BANDITS...
YI-I-I-I! IT'S BATMAN!


LANDING ON THE ADVERTISING SIGN'S SHOPPING BAG, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER FIGHTS WITH A FURY BORN OF DESPERATION...
GOT TO CAPTURE THEM...
GOT TO PROVE THAT ONLY BATMAN COULD HANDLE CROOKS THIS FAST!
PITCHING HIS UNCONSCIOUS FOE INTO THE COLOSSAL SHOPPING BAG, BATMAN PULLS ON THE DRAWSTRING, AND...
WHEN THE CROOKS TELL HOW I CAPTURED THEM, THE POLICE MIGHT REALIZE I'VE BEEN TELLING THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT MYSELF!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT...
MY IMPERSONATOR--AND ROBIN! THEY'VE COME TO INVESTIGATE THE ROBBERY! HMM--A THOUGHT SUDDENLY OCCURS TO ME! I WONDER...
LATER, WHEN THE BATMOBILE RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE, A FIGURE WARILY OPENS THE TRUNK...
THEY DIDN'T KNOW I CLIMBED IN HERE WHILE THEY WERE CHECKING ON THAT ROBBERY! SO, I'M NOT CRAZY AFTER ALL! THE BAT-CAVE WAS HERE ALL THE TIME--FORMED INTO A "BASEMENT" BY PROP WALLS!
ABRUPTLY...
ALL RIGHT, MY FRIENDS--START EXPLAINING! THE POLICE WEREN'T SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO RESEMBLED BRUCE WAYNE--WHICH MEANS YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM! WHY?...BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO PROTECT BATMAN'S IDENTITY!
AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THE MAN POSING AS BRUCE WAYNE COULD ONLY BE SOMEBODY WHO ALREADY KNEW MY IDENTITY
WE SHOULD'VE REALIZED WE COULDN'T OUTSMART YOU, BATMAN! BUT WE CAN EXPLAIN--NOW THAT 24 HOURS HAVE PASSED!


SWIFTLY, THE IMPOSTOR REMOVES PADDED GARB AND MAKE-UP, TO REVEAL...
ALFRED--JUST AS I FIGURED! YOU WERE MY IMPERSONATOR!
IT ALL BEGAN LAST NIGHT, BATMAN, WHEN YOU AND I WERE AFTER PROFESSOR MILO! YOU MADE ME WAIT OUTSIDE HIS HIDEOUT, IN CASE HE SNEAKED OUT--WHILE YOU RUSHED IN AFTER HIM...
"WHEN YOU BROUGHT MILO OUT, YOU SUDDENLY KEELED OVER..."
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BATMAN? HE SEEMS TO BE IN A COMA!
HA, HA... I'VE BEATEN BATMAN AT LAST! WHEN HE CHARGED INTO MY LABORATORY, HE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS FILLED WITH A GAS MADE FROM A RARE AMAZON PLANT! IT DIDN'T AFFECT ME BECAUSE I WAS WEARING NOSE FILTERS...
THE GAS HAS A UNIQUE EFFECT ON THE PERSON INHALING IT... THE PERSON LOSES THE DESIRE TO LIVE! HE LIES ABOUT LISTLESSLY, REFUSING TO EAT, AND EVENTUALLY HE DIES! HA, HA, HA!
"I QUICKLY DID SOME RESEARCH ON THE PLANT, AND LEARNED ONE FACT..."
"...IF THE PATIENT CAN BE GIVEN THE DESIRE TO LIVE, AND IS KEPT MOVING, AT THE END OF 24 HOURS, HE WILL RECOVER!"
RARE PLANTS
"SO I WENT TO POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON WITH A PLAN..."
...YOU SEE, WE MUST GIVE BATMAN A PURPOSE FOR LIVING, A PROBLEM TO SOLVE--A PROBLEM SO SHOCKING THAT HE WON'T REST UNTIL HE HAS THE ANSWER!
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN... THE POLICE AND THE PEOPLE AT THE MENTAL INSTITUTION WILL COOPERATE! WE ALL WANT TO SEE BATMAN LIVE!
SO I GOT ALFRED TO IMPERSONATE YOU, AS BATMAN AND BRUCE WAYNE--AND THE REST YOU KNOW! IT WAS A DRASTIC MOVE--BUT IT HAD TO BE DONE, TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!
I AGREE... IT CERTAINLY KEPT MY BRAIN AWAKE, AND KEPT ME ON THE MOVE!
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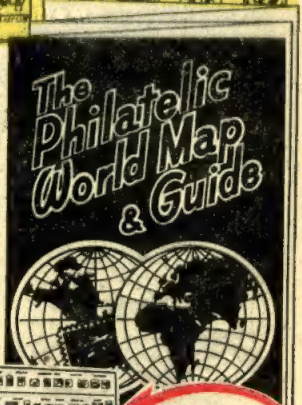

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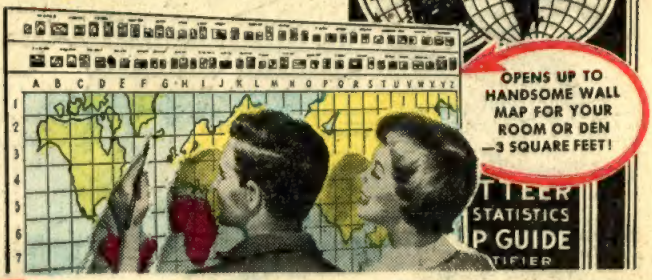

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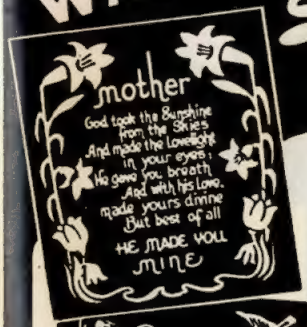
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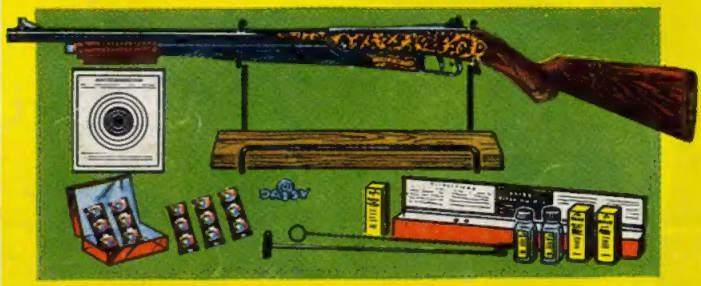

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